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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/744,113
<i>Filing Date</i>	March 19, 2001
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1772
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Sow-Fun Hon
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	450117-03033

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1.	Submission required under CFR 1.114.
a.	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on <b>February 20, 2004</b>. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>
b.	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply (Submission Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114)</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</p> <p>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>
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b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
3.	<p><b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to <b>Deposit Account No. 50-0320</b>.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of <b>\$1,610.00 (\$770.00 fee for RCE + \$840.00 for second and third months extension – first month previously paid)</b> is enclosed for the following:</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)</p> <p>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) (second and third month)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)</p>

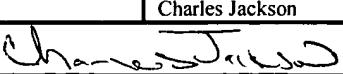
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